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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR: UN ENVOY'S REPORT

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1. SUMMARY: WINSPEARE, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH WALDHEIM, NOW EXPECTS TO READY REPORT TO UNSC ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR INSPECTION MARCH 1. HE APPRISED US OF QUIET BUT UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO BRING PARTIES TOGETHER UNDER HIS LEADSHIP, ADMITTING DELAY IN REPORT TO SEE WHAT COULD BE ACHIEVED. THIS EFFORT WILL NOT FIGURE IN REPORT, HOWEVER, AND HE AND WALDHEIM NOW ANXIOUS TO PROCEED PROMPTLY WITH REPORT TO AVOID ANY IMPRESSION OF STALLING. END SUMMARY.

2. UN SPECIAL ENVOY TO PORTUGUESE TIMOR WINSPEARE TOLD AMBASSADOR AND POLCONS DURING MEETING IN HIS OFFICE FEB 27 THAT REPORT TO UNSC STILL IN DRAFT FORM. WHILE PREOCCUPIED WITH (AND CONSIDERABLY HAMPERED BY) STRIKE OF G-LEVEL EMPLOYEES, WINSPEARE
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INDICATED INTENTION TO PUT REPORT IN FINAL FORM

DURING WEEKEND WITH EXPECTATION OF HAVING IT HAND CARRIED TO NEW YROK EARLY NEXT WEEK BY SCHLITTLERA-SILVA WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED HIM ON TOUR.

3. WINSPEARE REVEALED THAT HE HAD DELAYED REPORT IN EFFORT TO "EMPHASIZE CONTINUING NATURE" OF HIS UNDERTAKING WHILE HE QUIETLY SOUGHT AGREEMENT OF PARTIES TO MEET UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, HOWEVER INFORMALLY DESIRED, IN GENEVA OR ELSEWHERE TO SEEK COMMON GROUND. WITH PARTIES EYEING ONE ANOTHER, HOWEVER, OBJECTIVE CONTINUED TO ELUDE HIM. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH WALDHEIM IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT HE SHOULD WRAP-UP REPORT TO FORESTALL ANY SUSPICION OF STALLING. HE INTIMATED THAT HE WAS AWAITING FURTHER WORD VIA INDONESIA MISSION MONDAY, MARCH 1, BUT WAS VAGUE ABOUT NATURE OF WHAT HE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE. IN ANY EVENT, EVIDENTLY AT WALDHEIM'S DIRECTION HE INDICATED THAT HE PLANS MARCH 1 AS HIS DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING REPORT.

4. WINSPEARE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS EFFORTS TO BRING PARTIES TOGETHER WOULD NOT BE EMBODIED IN HIS REPORT AS HE DID NOT WISH TO PLACE WALDHEIM IN POSITION OF SEEMING TO SPONSOR PROPOSAL WHEN THERE WAS NO SOLID EVIDENCE IT WOULD BE TAKEN UP. WHILE RESIGNED TO NEED TO TERMINATE HIS INITIATIVE, WINSPEARE SAID HE HAD BEEN HEARTENED BY FACT THAT NEITHER PORTUGUESE NOR HORTA WHILE HIGHLY CAUTIOUS, HAD REJECTED OUT OF HAND HIS IDEA FOR QUIET INFORMAL COMING TOGETHER OF ALL PARTIES. HE URGED THAT THE ATTEMPT HE HAD MADE BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

5. DESCRIBING IN GENERAL HIS IMPRESSIONS FROM TOUR, WINSPEAR REMARKED UPON PLIGHT OF "ABANDONED CHILE OF PORTUGAL," AND ABILITY OF FRET LIN FORCES TO HOLD OUT WITH RELATIVE EASE GIVEN TERRAIN AND PRESENT WEATHER CONDITIONS. AT ON-SITE INSPECTIONS HE DID MANAGE HE WAS RECEIVED EACH TIME BY CHILDREN SINGING INDONESIA SONGS WITH INDONESIA FLAGS MUCH IN EVIDENCE BUT MILITARY OUT OF SIGHT. ON OTHER HAND, CONFIDENTIAL

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ALL EFFORTS MADE TO ENABLE HIM TO VISIT SOUTH-COAST ABORTED.

6. RUNNING VERY RAPIDLY OVER POSITIONS TAKEN BY PARTIES, WINSPEARE SAID PGET INDICATED WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO CONSULT UNDER UN UMBRELLA IN SEARCH OF SOLUTION; WHILE FRET LIN SIKS WITHDRAWAL OF INDONESIA FORCES AND REPLACEMENT BY "INTERNATIONAL

FORCE" WITH PROVISION THAT IT TOO SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN
WITHIN 1-3 MONTHS AND REFERENDUM HELD TO DECIDE
STRICTLY BETWEEN (A) ANNEXATION TO INDONESIAN OR
(B) GOVERNMENT UNDER FRETLIN. MEANWHILE INDONESIA
ATTEMPTING TO CIRCUMVENT PITFALLS THERE MAY
BE IN SUCCESSOR STATE PRECEDENTS, WHILE HOPING TIME
AND EVENTS WILL WORK TO ITS ADVANTAGE AND LEAD TO
SOME TYPE OF RESPECTABLE INVITATION TO LEGITIMIZE
TAKEOVER.

7. IN PARTING EXCHANGE AMBASSADOR MADE PRIVATE OFFER
TO WINSPEARE TO MAKE OFFICE FACILITIES AVAILABLE
IN MISSION OVER WEEKEND IF THIS WOULD ASSIST HIM
IN COPING WITH HEAVY WEEKEND WORKLOAD UNDER TRYING
CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY STRIKE. DALE

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